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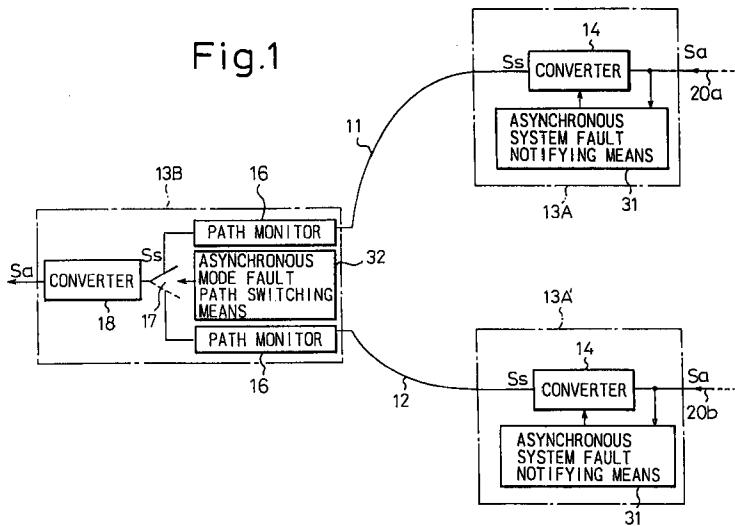
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(54) Synchronous/asynchronous system having function of switching path upon fault

(57) A composite asynchronous/synchronous system switches signal paths at the time of a fault and uses a route diversity function even when a fault occurs in the asynchronous mode signal. The composite system includes asynchronous system fault notifying means (31) in each of the connection offices (13A) connecting the synchronous communication system and the asynchronous communication system. When an asynchronous system alarm indication signal AIS shows suspension of the asynchronous mode signal or a fault in the signal, the notifying means converts a fault detec-

tion signal to information recognizable in the synchronous mode and sends the information to an asynchronous system fault path switching means (32) which is provided in the path termination office (13B). The switching means detects the fault detection signal generated in the asynchronous mode, or receives the fault detection signal sent from the asynchronous system fault notifying means, and switches paths formed on ring-like transmission lines.

Fig.1





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